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Public Health Committee

Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 10:00am in Room 1D of the LOB.

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BILL #6 ... HB: 5541

Hello, My name is Linda Isis Primus, RDH BSDH MHS.

I am a board certified, Registered Dental Hygienist, licensed in Cheshire, Connecticut.

On my behalf, I would like you to support legislation HB: 5541

... To establish the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner. (ADHP).

The ADHP will add a new member to the dental team to deliver care to the underserved in Connecticut. Access to dental services necessary to maintain optimal oral health, which is an integral component of total health, can increase with the creation of a midlevel practitioner like the ADHP. Please support the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner bill. This proposal will make it possible for thousands of underserved patients who cannot obtain care, to receive needed dental care.

This type of midlevel provider, akin to the APRN (nurse practitioner) is the way of the future. Connecticut, being the Origin of Dental Hygiene (Bridgeport 1913), would like to celebrate our profession in its 100th year by advancing our education to provide preventive oral health care directly in public health settings for another 100 years.

Always promoting a healthy smile,

Linda Isis Primus, RDH BSDH MHS

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